

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Reimbursement of New York City's War Expenses.

Speech of Senator Bayard on the Test Oath Question.

Debate on the Whiskey Tax in the House.

Discussion on the Interpretation of the Confiscation Act.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE.

REIMBURSEMENT OF NEW YORK CITY FOR WAR EXPENSES.

The bill introduced by Fernando Wood to-day directs the Secretary of the Treasury, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay to the Comptroller of the city of New York, or to his duly authorized agents, the cost, charges and expenses properly incurred by the Corporation of the said city for enrolling, equipping, supplying, arming and equipping the troops employed in suppressing the present insurrection against the United States, to be settled upon proper vouchers to be filed and passed upon by the proper accounting officer of the Treasury.

ENGLAND HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR REBEL PIRACIES.

Secretary Seward, in a letter to Minister Adams, dated the 6th of October last, as appears from the published correspondence, "The United States do insist, and must continue to insist, that the British government is fully responsible for the damages which the peaceful, law-abiding citizens of the United States sustain by the depredations of the Alabama, that vessel having been built and fitted out in British waters. The Secretary cannot, therefore, instruct Mr. Adams to refrain from pressing the claim which he now has in his hands."

CONVINCING GOLD SPECULATIONS.

The question of convicting speculation in gold promises to be troublesome to the Finance Committee of both houses. It is conceded that Senator Janes's bill will not be passed, and it would be worse than useless if it were. It is understood that Mr. Stephens, of New York, is prepared to submit to the House Committee of Ways and Means quite a different bill; but, like the other, it is open to very serious objections, and doubts are expressed if it will prove much more effective. Many members of Congress favor the proposition to tax transactions in gold a source of revenue, by taxing sales and also imposing a monthly tax upon gold hoarded.

THE REIMBURSEMENT OF ARIZONA.

The Arizona delegation came here to-day for an interview with the President, and were much impressed by the reception they were given in consultation with some of the leading members of Congress, and are to have another interview at the White House to-morrow, when a programme will probably be prepared for the restoration of Arizona to the Union.

THE CONFISCATION ACT.

Another attempt was made to-day to force through the amendments to the explanatory act accompanying the Confiscation Act, before the Judiciary Committee. The amendments, however, were reported from the Judiciary Committee to the House, but it failed. There is a committee on the Confiscation Act, and the amendments, but also a portion of the republicans, that such important legislation shall not be rushed through under the spur of the previous question without sufficient time for debate and amendments, and Mr. Wilson said to give way. It is not likely that action upon it will be obtained for some days yet. Many members having announced their intention to speak upon it. On the conclusion of the speech of Mr. Boutwell, of Massachusetts, against the bill, the President, on the constitution, to confiscate the fee as well as the estate of rebels to their real property, and a number of gentlemen gathered about him and congratulated him upon his effort.

THE DEBATE ON THE REVENUE BILL.

Great interest was developed, both upon the floor and in the galleries of the House, this afternoon, during the discussion of that section of the Revenue bill relating to the tax upon whiskey. At one time the debate threatened to become personal, but finally, through the good natured efforts of Mr. Stevens, was brought within proper limits. No definite action was taken upon the section; but the preliminary votes in the Committee of the Whole indicate very clearly that the rates will not be increased. There is a strong feeling both in favor of and against applying the additional tax to the stocks on hand, the impression being that at any rate stock in the hands of distillers on which the present tax has been paid will not be subjected to additional action. Action on the bill will probably be reached within a few days.

THE DEBATE ON THE TEST OATH.

The debate upon the test oath in the Senate will be resumed to-morrow at one o'clock, and will be continued until a late hour. Senator Collamer will reply at length to the speech of Mr. Bayard, after which it is understood that Mr. Sumner and others will participate in the discussion.

THE NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Naval bill, as reported to-day from the Committee of Ways and Means, appropriates for the ordinary operations of the navy proper about \$70,000,000 in addition to the usual appropriations for the several bureaus of the department, and for navy yards, docks and miscellaneous expenditures. The pay of officers, seamen and engineers requires \$19,425,000, for construction and repairs \$20,600,000, for armor plated vessels \$5,840,000; for coal and other materials \$700,000; fuel \$5,840,000; equipment \$3,000,000; provisions \$6,416,000; construction and repairs of machinery \$28,512,000; surgeons' appliances and medicines \$8,000,000; navigation apparatus and supplies \$126,000.

A BILL RELATIVE TO NEW YORK COUNTIES.

The bill relative to New York Counties, presented to-day, in the Senate, in admirably and other bills, proceedings on the part of New York, to complete the reorganization of Kings, Queens, Suffolk and Richmond counties, and constitute a separate district, to be called the Eastern District of New York. The effect of the bill is to impair the local, territorial or other jurisdiction of the Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York, and appeals and writs of error may be taken from the Eastern to the Court for the Southern District of New York, the Eastern to have concurrent jurisdiction with the Southern District Court over the waters within the counties above specified, and all matters made therein. The salaries of the judges of the Federal District Courts are fixed at \$6,000. Cases of prize shall have preference over other cases upon any calendar of the court, a term of the court to be held on the last Wednesday of every month.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The Senate to-day confirmed the following appointments of the President:—
Samuel C. Gunn, of California, as Collector of Customs for the District of Puget Sound, Territory of Washington.
William J. Woodhouse, Collector of Customs for the District of California.
Samuel H. Marble, Collector of Customs for the District of Washington.
William J. Woodhouse, Collector of Customs for the District of California.
Charles G. Parsons, of Maine, Consul for the Island of Trinidad.
John W. Woodhouse, Jr., Collector of Customs for the District of Portland and Falmouth, Me.
Henry M. Jamney and James N. Dennis, Third Lieutenants in the revenue cutter service.

THE FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF SUPPLIES UNDER THE RECENT REGULATIONS FOR FURNISHING THEM TO THE DISTRICTS OF VIRGINIA.

It is understood that it is proposed to allow the transportation of such supplies to citizens as far as the Federal Government, which is some distance beyond our lines, on condition that guarantee is given that they shall not be interfered with by guerrillas and bushwhackers. This is a very important matter, and will be given the most careful consideration.

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